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## \*COVID-19 UPDATE\*

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Community Hour Tuesday, May 18, at 5 p.m., - Pivoting from COVID-19 to Recovery and Revitalization; Framingham Vaccine Equity Initiative Expanded

- Since Wednesday, eight residents have tested positive, and seven more have from COVID-19: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is 8,219. With 6,478 recovered and 244 fatalities, Framingham currently has 1,497 active cases. The Framingham Health Department contacts the people who were potentially exposed and the owners of the businesses or places of employment where the potential exposures occurred to inform and counsel them on next steps (contact tracing). In addition to the active cases, the Health Department is following 511 residents in quarantine.
- Community Hour Tuesday, May 18 at 5 p.m., focused on pivoting from COVID-19 to recovery and revitalization: Join Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer to discuss pivoting from COVID-19 to recovery and revitalization in Framingham. Attendees will be able to pose questions during the hour via Zoom's Chat function. If people cannot attend and have questions, please email <a href="mailto:kmcfalls@framinghamma.gov">kmcfalls@framinghamma.gov</a> with the subject line: May 18 Community Hour. Click <a href="mailto:here">here</a> for information on how to join. A video recording of the Zoom will be available following for those who cannot attend.
- Framingham Vaccine Equity Initiative Expanded: The City was recently granted permission from the State to provide the <u>Justice Resource Institute's Program Rise</u> (one of our existing vaccine equity partners) some vaccine doses that they can take out into the community on their mobile van. Under the State's Equity Initiative, Program Rise is conducting a mobile vaccination effort with communities of color and those who do not speak English as their first language in Framingham.
- COVID-19 in Framingham: Information on COVID-19 in Framingham can be found <a href="https://www.smart911.com/">here</a>. To receive information from the City on a mobile device, text "Join FraminghamMA" to 30890. Residents also can find updates on <a href="facebook">Facebook</a> and Twitter @Framingham\_MA. For questions regarding COVID-19 in Framingham, please call the City's informational line at (508) 532-5411, Mon-Fri., 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. If there is an urgent update, the City will employ the "Alert Framingham" phone messaging system, otherwise known as Rave. To sign up for the City's Rave system, please go here: <a href="https://www.smart911.com/">https://www.smart911.com/</a>